

Leicester,
June 10, '63.

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Dear Mr. Garrison,

I have to-day sent a letter to Mr. Quincy, as Pres. of the Mass. A.S. Socy., resigning my office of General Agent, — it being my manifest duty to do so, according to my own judgment, in view of my very poor health.

You might naturally expect that I should, at the same time & for the same reasons, resign the Acting General Agency of the American A. S. Society. I do not, for two reasons; first & chiefly, because

I wish to hold on, if I can,
until the Report is completed,
printed, & published; Secondly,
because the duties of the office will

* Indeed, in that case, consider me as having resigned the
Active General Agent of the American Socy.
not make so much demands
as ^{as} ~~of~~ that of the ^{the} Socy,
on my strength, & may be
perhaps done by me until
it is decided by the ^{the} Socy
what ^{they will} ~~do~~ do in the
appointment of an Agent. —
But let me say that I am ready,
at a moment's notice, to resign the
office in the American Socy. too, if
the Board & Committee think (as they
probably will) that the two offices
should be united in one*. In such
case I should be glad to have the
business of superintending the publication
of the Report reserved to me, provided

I am able to attend to it.

I meant to have been in Boston nearly the whole of this week. It was out of the question. I hope now to go next week. Well or ill, here or elsewhere, I hope always to be a true member of the Antislavery Society. There is no Christian Church in this country, and never has been, which is not at the same time an Antislavery Church. I mean, of course, if it be not the latter, for the same reason it is not the former.

Ever truly yours

Saml. May Jr.

I have been reading Miss Cobbe's "Preface" to the English Edition of T. Parker's writings. I think it admirable, & places its writer among England's first thinkers & writers.

